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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.
PLACE:	Division of Professional Regulation 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Conference Room A Cannon Bldg., Dover, Delaware 19904
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	May 19, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Brian McAllister, DMD, Professional Member, President
Dr. Thomas A. Mercer, DDS, Professional Member, Secretary
Dr. Lucinda Bunting, DMD, Professional Member
Dr. Bruce Matthews, DDS, Professional Member
Carol Argo, RDH, Professional Hygiene Member
Mary Trinkle, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member
Buffy Parker, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member
Rumiko Nelson, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member
June Ewing, Public Member
Nathaniel Gibbs, Public Member
Rozi Berberian, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Sharon Welsh, DDS, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Witte, Administrative Specialist II
Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT

Anne Farley

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. McAllister called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Matthews, seconded by Dr. Bunting, to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rules and Regulations Public Hearing – 3:00 p.m.

The hearing went on record at 3:15 p.m. Ms. Singh stated that the reason for today's hearing was to propose amendments to the Board's rules and regulations. The Board members were introduced and Ms. Singh marked as Board Exhibits 1-3 the affidavits of publication. Ms. Farley, on behalf of the Delaware State Dental Society Council on Legislation, read verbatim a letter sent by Dr. Director proposing revised verbiage to the proposed 4.1 rule. Ms. Farley addressed the Board with additional comments on behalf of Dr. Kelly and read verbatim his letter asking to reconsider the proposed change to Rule 12.2.28. There were no further public comments. Ms. Singh advised that the period for public comment will remain open for an additional 15 days and the Board will deliberate at its next scheduled meeting. The hearing concluded and went off record at 3:25 p.m.

Discussion of Statute Change to Allow for Exemption from Unlicensed Practice for Temporary Volunteer Work

Dr. Mercer summarized how this topic came about as there were some Board members not present at the January meeting. There was deliberation on the need for this exemption. This discussion will be revisited at the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Dentist Applications

A motion was made by Dr. Matthews, seconded by Dr. Bunting, to approve the ratification of the dentist applications of Scott Rothbart, Daniel Tibbetts and Gerardo Martinez. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratification of Dental Hygienist Applications

A motion was made by Ms. Trinkle, seconded by Ms. Parker, to approve the ratification of the dental hygienist applications of Megan Greenfield, Erin McNamara, Mallory Bolyard and Kristen Nepi. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratification of Dental Resident Limited Applications

A motion was made by Dr. Mercer, seconded by Dr. Bunting, to approve the ratification of the dental resident limited application of Andres Hurtado. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approval of Continuing Education Courses

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Mercer, seconded by Dr. Bunting, to approve the continuing education course "Cleft Lip and Palate and Other Anomalies" sponsored by Ahl and O'Connor Orthodontics for 1 hour as requested. The motion was unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received an email from a licensee requesting that a course that she took on May 9, 2014 be applied to the June 1, 2014 – May 31, 2016 license renewal period per part of a rule change where the Board allowed an extension for CE's to be carried over to the current renewal period. The Board denied this request stating that rule change which changed the license expiration date occurred in 2012. The extension that was given to complete the CE requirement expired in December of that same year and therefore does not apply to this renewal period.

The Board received a letter from the American Dental Education Association expressing concerns that they have regarding the status of licensure for dentists in the US surrounding portability and the restriction of it in many states including Delaware. Dr. McAllister stated that most of the states were sent the same letter and suggested a future invitation to an ADA trustee to come before the Board for a discussion on this subject.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) sent the Board correspondence advising at their meeting on February 5, 2016 they directed implementation of the accreditation process for dental therapy education programs.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Dr. McAllister stated the dates for the May and June exams.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be May 19, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Argo, seconded by Ms. Parker, to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 p.m. The motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Witte

Administrative Specialist II